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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:01 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition to H.B. 5412, H.B. 5415 and H.B. 5416. And "Ghost Guns"  
**To:** Travis Simms <[Travis.Simms@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Travis.Simms@cga.ct.gov)>

Dear Representative Simms:

My name is Harding Dles, I've lived here 44 years, raised three children (through Columbus, Ponus Ridge, Side-By-Side, McMahon, Global Studies), been a Band Parent, Soccer Ref, USPS letter carrier (over the entire city), am a Master Mason, head of a Masonic charity and an NRA Pistol Permit Instructor and collector of older firearms - and I have watched Norwalk grow and experienced its ups and downs.

These three proposed anti-gun laws will do NOTHING TO PREVENT GUN DEATHS and may actually exacerbate any negative situations.

H.B.5412 - If this law had existed at the time of the Texas Church Shooting, it would have required the man who saved HUNDREDS OF LIVES to have retreated to safety while leaving the rest of the congregation at the mercy of the gunman. This law potentially CONDONS THE MURDER OF INNOCENT PERSONS because one person was prepared to defend his/her life. I personally carry NOT because I am looking for a problem, but so I am prepared to defend myself and innocent others. And I believe you too want to save lives.

H.B.5415 - With the Gun Act of 2014 all LEGAL GUN OWNERS registered the so-called 'assault weapons' (they are NOT assault weapons because no one who has seen combat would go to war with these guns - the military doesn't issue any of them to the troops) and large capacity magazines with the state as I did and since then have purchased only CT-legal firearms. Why is the State now deciding to back-track on its pledge to the citizens and make this expanded and unnecessary requirement. This is just a bill of harassment.

H.B. 5416 - The restriction as to the number of pistols and revolvers sounds great if you're going after gun-runners, but that's for the ATF and whenever the FFL calls in to the DPS, not the local police. Several times I have bought and eventually sold a matched pair of revolvers or more-then-one gun from wither the manufacturer or in an auction, and this bill would make collecting much more difficult. Often a new gun will come up for auction within a few days or a week after the last gun you bought and now, with this law, you can't complete your plan. And no violence or gun safety has been accomplished.

I wanted to add a comment on "ghost guns". Hand-built firearms have been a part of this country BEFORE it was a country, so it is a strong tradition. The recent uproar about ghost guns has been OVERBLOWN by the HIGHLY INFLATED number of ghost guns in crimes. Actually, most of the guns are formerly legal guns whose serial numbers have been REMOVED, but since the police don't have that option on their investigative report, they're listed as "ghost guns". Let's look at the facts and not throw around 'nifty' labels that obscure the truth.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter and consider my input.

Sincerely,

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